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THE PILGRIM'S PROGRESS

PART 3

A PILGRIM'S EARLY CHALLENGES



Reading: Psalm 84:5 & 1 John 2: 15 - 17

Introduction

- The reader is meant to see themselves in the character '**Christian**' of the story.
- He is not saved in this opening scene but he has been awakened to his perilous situation.
- NB. The good news of the gospel starts with the bad news. Christian is under '**conviction**'.

1 The City Of Destruction

- Christian had learned that his city is to be visited by the wrath of God.
- The city is a picture of this world.
- Consider [John 18:36], [1 John 2:17], [2 Peter 3:10].
- Our world is as ear marked for destruction as Sodom & Gomorrah were. [Genesis 19:24].
- The wrath of God is coming. How can we escape it?

- By '*angelic deliverance*' in the rapture at Christ's return. [Matthew 24:31] & [1 Thessalonians 4:17].
- With the saints '*safe*' the wrath falls on those left behind. [2 Thessalonians 1:7 - 8].
- This makes way for a new heaven and a new earth. [2 Peter 3:13].

2 Evangelist

- The character '*Evangelist*' points Christian in the direction of the '*wicket gate*'.
- Christ is the wicket gate. [John 10:9].
- Every saved pilgrim is an evangelist to those wanting to know in what direction to go.
- Consider: [John 1:29, 41 & 45].

3 Family And Friends

- Anxious for his family, Christian wanted them to join him on pilgrimage but they refused.
- This was not going to stop him setting off on pilgrimage.
- Often a husband/wife must travel without their unbelieving spouse. But they **MUST** go.
- Sometimes an unsaved family member can be the pilgrim's '*thorn in the flesh*'.
- '*I have decided to follow Jesus....no turning back, no turning back!* Forward to the '*Celestial City*'.
- **NB. The 2nd part of the story begins with his family and children setting off as pilgrims.**
- Don't give up on that unsaved family.

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